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Emphatic in denials

Witness says polygraph cleared Ruby of Cuba tie

Jack Ruby stated during a 3-hour polygraph test that he never met Fidel Castro or any other foreign leader who wanted President John F. Kennedy assassinated, The News was told Wednesday.

"I was present during the questioning," one investigator related. "Jack was asked near the outset whether he had been involved with officials or agents of any other nation. I do not recall whether Castro was mentioned by name, but the questions were phrased to cover him.

"Jack replied emphatically that he had not been involved with any other nation. He also stated emphatically that he did not know Lee Harvey Oswald. The polygraph needle showed that he was telling the truth in both cases."

The New York Sunday News reported July 4 that a CIA contract agent told U.S. Senate investigators Ruby flew from Mexico City to Havana and met with Castro 10 weeks before the Kennedy assassination here.

The newspaper quoted the agent as saying Castro discussed the possible assassination of Kennedy during the meeting with Ruby.

FBI polygraph operators questioned Ruby in the presence of investigators at the request of the Warren Commission.

Although the polygraph showed Ruby answered important questions truthfully, the Warren Commission termed the test inconclusive because of a question about Ruby's emotional stability.

Attorneys for Ruby say they do not believe he made the reported trip to Havana. FBI and Secret Service agents failed to find any evidence of a trip to Mexico City or Havana when they investigated Ruby's activities during the weeks before the assassination.

Investigators checked an earlier trip to Cuba, but concluded Ruby went there on a brief vacation to visit friends who were gamblers in Havana. They concluded the trip had no connection with the assassination.